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Monte's "Anatomical ATLAS."

Richard's "Indicator."

Donaldson's "Rough Sketching for En-

gineers."

Miss Bird's "Japan," 2 Vols.

Shock's "Steam Boilers."

"The Loyal Ronin," Japanese Illustra-

tions.

"Year Book Facts for 1881."

"Hongkong to Himalaya," by Clark.

Rosenthal's "Muscles and Nerves."

Lee's "Laws of Shipping," new edition.

Froude's "Short Studies."

Marshall's "Through America."

Browne's "Reader's Hand-book."

Matheson's "Aid Book to Engineering

Enterprise."

Hongkong, May 7, 1881.

NOTICE.

THE Second DIVIDEND for the Year

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General Meeting of Shareholders held on

the 12th ultimo, being an interim Return

to contributing Shareholders of TWENTY-

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By Order of the Court of Directors,

HERBERT S. MORRIS,

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For a piece of blazing effrontery or madness we recommend the following:-

The Montreal Post says that "Mr James Gordon Bennett, of the New York Herald, is a sutor for the hand of Princess Beatrice."

The last imminent thing from Mandalay is that—"European and European ladies are said to scrabble occasionally for motor in the palace for the amusement of the young Queen." Looked at as a work of art, says a contemporary, we do not think that that story can very well be beaten.

Four Hansom cabs have been imported into Bombay. This is the first instalment of a shipment of vehicles which it is hoped, will extinguish the time-dishonored Bombay buggy.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the *World* as follows:-

Good soldiers and brave are not rare in the British army; but men impudent and willing to help in the delicate task of keeping on friendly terms with our Indian fellow-subjects, and of smoothing down the frequent quarrels between Hindoo and Moslem, are of a breed not met with every day. Such a man I lately had the privilege of becoming acquainted with in Constantinople, and beg respectfully to draw attention to him. Col. S. M. Tahir Bey served with distinction in the Crimea, where he was attached to Genr. General McDonald as interpreter. In 1857 he served under the same gallant officer in China, and after nine months' active service amongst the Celestials, was sent in all haste to India. He went through the Mutiny, being present at many battles, and in 1861 was appointed inspector of police at Bareilly, being highly recommended by Chief-Inspector Inglin of Oude. Tahir's breast bears nine decorations, including three English, the French, Austrian, Turkish, &c. He holds the most flattering certificates, bearing such signatures as Court, Mayn, Elliot, Teasdale, Muir, Earle, Unwin, Drummond, and others. He is a high-cast Mahomedan and speaks nine languages, including a perfect knowledge of English and Hindostani, and is therefore considerably more fitted to treat with obstreperous "darkies" than our home-made diplomats, who go to them with a speech and a smile. He returned to Turkey in 1871, and entered the Gendarmerie, then called the Military Police, and is to-day the right-hand man of Baker Pasha, with whom he has been much employed in Asia Minor. Tahir is a bold wiry man of forty-six. He told me that he much wished to re-enter Her Majesty's Indian service. These are troublous times for our great Eastern Empire, and it seems a pity to miss a chance of gaining a tried and loyal servant.

At the same time that certain of our prophets are announcing the slow extinction of our opium revenue by Persian competition, it is cheerful to have recourse to facts, and to find that our revenue is really increasing. Although the receipts on the Malwa drug show a falling-off of sixty lakhs, Persian opium seems only to compete with that from Malwa, and, presumably, the Persian, like the Turkish opium, has not deteriorated, whilst that from Malwa is largely so, no doubt the Bombay export revenue on opium may ultimately be seriously reduced. If, however, the whole Malwa trade were to cease, the Indian Government would be none the worse off, as the profits on the Behar and Benares opium, the cultivation of which could be largely increased, are far larger than the export duty on Malwa opium amounts to.—*Indian Daily News*.

A WEAK argument in favour of the industrial employment of convicts arises from economic considerations. The obligation of every citizen to support himself is not cancelled by his committing a crime. So far as convicted prisoners can by their personal services contribute toward their own support and toward the expense they have caused the State, it is clearly the right of the taxpayer and the duty of the State to exact and utilise that service. This argument so palpable as to admit of no doubt or question; and it does not of itself militate against the principle that the State should not be imprisoned for an offence against the law, should, so far as practicable be made to pay the charge they have incurred on the public treasury. In all places of confinement for sentenced offenders there should be a system of enforced labour; and how to make the minor prisons self-supporting is one of the difficult and important problems of political economy.—*Princeton Review*.

Few persons, says the *Englishman*, could have expected that at this late period of our occupation of the Andaman Islands a new tribe would have been discovered within a few miles of our principal settlement. Such, however, appears from the last report on the administration of the Islands to have been the case. The Jarsas, so these strange people are called, are represented as a very timid race, though they are held in an uncontrollable terror by the other Andamanese, who are their weapons. During the past year opportunity was given of the having attacked a friendly Andaman encampment to capture one old man and some women and children of the tribe, who, after being brought into Port Blair and consolidated with presents, were allowed to return to their forests; but very little seems to be yet known of the Jarawas.

In a supplement to the *Gazette of India* recently the annual report on Districts Savings Banks in Bengal for 1879-80 is given, including also the transactions of the Presidency Savings Banks at Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay, and of the Regimental Banks in India. During the year a new class of Savings Banks was introduced, under orders of the Government of India, denoted State Railway Provident Institutions, 16 of which were opened, but only 8 seem to have been in working order. The total number of Savings Banks of all classes is now 371, being an increase of 33 over the previous year. The total amount at the credit of the depositors at the end of the year was Rs. 81,62,945, which exceeds the amount balance of 1878-79 by Rs. 73,719, the increase being about 10 per cent. All classes share this increase except the Regimental Savings Banks at Madras and Bombay, which show a decrease, owing to the departure of many regiments, from those Presidencies. Of the total deposits, nearly one-half or upwards of a crore of rupees was held by the Bombay Presidency Savings Bank, principally in trust for native depositors. Natives of the country have opened 52,147 accounts with the sum of Rs. 45,83,960 at their credit; and Europeans and Eurasians have 39,141 accounts, with Rs. 25,04,588 at their credit. The amount of interest passed to the depositors at the close of the year under review is nearly 74 lakhs of rupees. The District Savings Banks were first opened in 1879-80, and they have made steady and rapid annual progress, increasing from 1,064

Marine Court

INQUIRY INTO THE STRANDING OF THE S.S. "LORNE."

Sir Brooke Robertson, C.B., K.C.M.G., late Consul-General for China, whose death was announced the other day, was held in very high respect by the Chinese during the many years he lived amongst them; and the feeling was to a large extent reciprocated. When at Canton, where he was stationed for a long time, he refused to stay on the "foreign concession" along with the other "barbarians" of the Western world, but continued, even in troublous times, to reside in a house right in the centre of all the celestial square to be found in the City of Rams. When consults hours were over, visitors to Canton who had been staying some of the fine temples there, used often to meet Sir Brooke in his chair, carried by four coolies in a neat blue uniform, hurrying home through the narrow dirty streets of the populous town. His Chinese sympathies on more than one occasion were the subject of adverse criticism among British residents in the East; but nevertheless they held him in high esteem. Nowhere will his death be heard of with more regret than in far Cathay.

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Wodehouse, Esq., Police Magistrate.)

Saturday, May 14th.

ROGUE AND VAGABOND.

John Allen, 49, seaman, was charged with being a rogue and vagabond, also with holding the steers and resisting the Police in the execution of their duties on the 12th inst.

P. C. Donald McDonald saw the defendant on the 12th inst, beginning in the Hollywood Road. The Constable arrested him, and defendant was very violent on his way to the Station. Four previous convictions for vagrancy and assaulting the Police were proved against the defendant, and he was sentenced to be imprisoned for three months with hard labour as a rogue and vagabond.

RECKLESS CAR COOLIES.

Ching Shing, and seven other chair coolies, appeared on summonses charging them with carelessly carrying their chairs, to the danger of persons passing, in the Queen's Road on the 14th inst.

Defendants were fined 25 cents each.

(Before the Hon. M. S. Tonnochy, Acting Police Magistrate.)

A GAMBLING ROW.

Leong Ai, 28, and Luk Apong, 18, unemployed, were charged, first defendant with being armed with an unlawful weapon and fighting, and the other with fighting with a sword. Both defendants were sentenced to be imprisoned for six months.

P. C. 496, Mr. Alvarez, stated that about 1.5 p.m. yesterday afternoon he saw the two defendants and about ten other fighting in Gilman's Bazaar. First defendant was armed with a sword, and the other men had swords and iron bars. Second defendant had nothing in his hand. Witness ascertained that the fight was about some money owing. First defendant was not the holder of a night pass.

Ling Abo, an opium dealer, living on the first floor of No. 33, Gilman's Bazaar, gave evidence to the effect that yesterday about 1 p.m. a number of gamblers came running down from the second floor of his house, and, hearing a noise, witness closed his door. When the disturbance was over witness opened his door and went out to Tung Man Lane, and on returning to his house was met by the second defendant, who knocked witness down and beat him for shutting his door.

First defendant stated, in defence, that on the 12th instant, he went to the house No. 33, which was a gambling house, and lost some money there. Yesterday he heard that the people there used false cash and cheated the players, so he went back to get back the money he had lost from them, and then they pushed him down stairs.

Second defendant stated that the first defendant kept the gambling house and threatened to bring the Police to arrest him. The first defendant was fined £5, and the second £10, to be imprisonment for six months with hard labour; for creating a disturbance and fined \$100, in default six months' imprisonment with hard labour for having a deadly weapon; sentence cumulative.

Second defendant, against whom a previous conviction for gambling was proved, was sentenced to be imprisoned for one year with hard labour for assault.

The two defendants were ordered, at the expiry of their sentences, to enter into personal recognisances, each in two auries of \$100 each to be of good behaviour for six months, in default to be committed.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Chan Anun, 26, hawker, was convicted of unlawful possession of a pair of jadestone ear drops, on the 14th inst. The property was identified as that of a woman named Wong Aikam, who had been robbed of the ear drops while walking in Queen's Road on the evening of the 13th inst. She was unable to identify the man who stole them but the defendant was seen by a constable trying to pawn the articles.

Defendant was sentenced to be imprisoned for three months with hard labour.

WHILE we are trying to discover whether the discharge of the big ordnance of our men-at-war seriously militates against the introduction of the electric light on board ship—and some instructive experiments in this direction were carried out during the gunnery trials of the *Invincible*—Russian sailors have not been unmindful of the important part this illuminant will play in maritime warfare; and the results they obtained have been courteously forwarded to the Admiralty by the Russian naval attaché at St. James's-street, and are now under the consideration of the gunnery and electric-light experts in our navy. If Russia is not neglecting to furnish her ships with all the latest appliances of science, must we be behind her through an overwhelming regard for the almighty dollar!—*World*.

CARLYLE has left one very beautiful and pious utterance of his honest heart in a letter to his life-long friend, Tomas Krake, of Linlithgow, which at this moment it is well to recall:—"Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. This will be done; what else can we say? The other night, in my sleepless tossing about, which were growing more and more miserable these words, that brief and grand prayer, came strangely into my mind with an altogether new emphasis, as if within, and clenching me in mild pure splendour, the black bosom of the night there; when I, as it were, read them word-by-word—with a sudden shock to my imperfect wanderings, with a sudden softness of composure which was much unexpected. Not for perhaps thirty or forty years had I ever formally repeated that prayer—nay, I never felt before how intensely the voice of man's soul is; the immost aspiration of all that is high and pious in poor human nature; right worthy to be recommended with an "Amen" to the stars!"

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Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchanges.)

At the Harbour Office to-day, before Captain H. C. Thomsett, Harbour Master; Lieut. Thomas F. Thomas, R.N.; Capt. E. Burnie, Capt. J. McConnell, and Capt. C. White, an inquiry was held into the stranding of the S.S. *Lorne*.

John McKechnie, master, deposed—I am master of the S.S. *Lorne*. I left Hongkong on the 24th April last, when no less than three hundred and sixty houses were destroyed. Two young girls had the misfortune of perishing in the flames. This kind of disaster is always believed to take an exaggerated form soon after the fire breaks out, owing to the large number of houses in the Philippines which are constructed of wood, especially in Cagayan, where timber is plentiful and cheap:

The British barque *Cordelia*, Captain Baron, from Newcastle, with coal, arrived at Manila on the 6th May.

Mr Edward A. Young has received the *regium exequatur* to his appointment as Consul for the United States at Manila, which appointment was made on the 12th March last. Mr Young entered upon the discharge of his duties on the 3rd May instant.

The American barque *Furness Abbey* left Manila for Boston on the 7th May.

The subscription list at Manila for the celebration of the centenary of the Spanish War, Calderon de la Barca, at Madrid, has reached the sum of \$3,389. The Chinese contribution amounted to \$871. The money will be sent home by the next opportunity.

The British barque *Jane* was chartered for a voyage from Manila to London or Liverpool, for \$6,000 in full; the charter was effected in Hongkong.

The steamer *Emry*, which arrived here on the 2nd instant from Amoy and Hongkong, brought \$8,000 in silver.

The American barque *Sooloo*, Captain Allen, left Manila for Boston on the 4th May, with a cargo of hemp.

There were imported into Manila during the months of March and April last \$233 in Spanish gold coins, and \$1,916,472.50 in Spanish silver coins.

The state of the weather at the present moment is anything but pleasant; the heat is intense and there is no rain, to the failing of which the inhabitants look forward for relief.

The British barque *Burdettors* arrived at Manila on the 9th May, from Newcastle, with coal.

The American ship *Josephine* arrived at Manila from Sourabaya on the 9th May, in ballast.

The British steamer *Cicero* left Manila for Yokohama and Hiogo on the 9th May.

The value of goods subject to Customs duty exported from Manila during the month of April last amounted to \$1,783,792, which is less by \$51,245 than in the previous month of March.

We find that the British steamer, S.S. *Lorne*, official number 62,273, master John McKechnie, number of certificate of competency 97,232, was stranded on the right bank of the river Han, near Peak Rock at the entrance to Swatow on the morning of the 3rd inst. The vessel discharged and jettisoned her cargo, and floated off with the tide on the morning of the 4th.

We are of opinion that the master was not justified in continuing his course after passing Bill Island. The weather was foggy and the wind bore from the northward.

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KING KALAKAUA AT SINGAPORE.

The Siamese steamer *Bangkok*, flying the Hawaiian flag, was signalled at Fort Canning at 8.30 a.m. on the 6th, according to the local paper, and about 9.30 came to anchor in the roads. On the *Bangkok* steaming past the Russian squadron, the ironclad *Minni* and the clipper *Rossoquai* fired royal salutes. Immediately on anchoring, Mr F. A. Swettenham, the Assistant Colonial Secretary, Lieut. Hunter Blair, A.D.C., and Mr H. Harwig, the Hawaiian Consul, landed about 10 minutes' time. Captain Bradbery, the Deputy Master-Attendant, then went off to the *Bangkok* to bring His Majesty ashore. The landing down of the Hawaiian flag from the *Bangkok* and a royal salute from the King preferred to land privately in about a dozen natives and sailors witnessed the arrival of the King.

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